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Samuel Gompers said:

**The working people will not stop when any particular point is reached; they will never stop in their efforts to obtain a better life for themselves, for their wives, for their children, and for all humanity.**

WHOLE NO. 2048 — WILLIAM GREEN, *President* — WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1950 — GEORGE MEANY, *Secretary-Treasurer* — VOL. 40, NO. 28

## Gompers Believed America and Labor Destined to Go Forward Indestructible

New York.—Two more articles evaluating the career of Samuel Gompers appeared in magazines in June.

The magazines—Forbes, which is edited primarily for business men, and Survey, which is edited primarily for social workers—joined in praising Gompers' contributions to American growth.

The Forbes article, based largely on a statement prepared for it by Matthew Woll, AFL vice president and chairman of the Samuel Gompers Centennial Committee, emphasized Gompers' aggressive faith in democratic and American ideals.

"Gompers' creed was voluntarism," Mr. Woll told Forbes, "a belief that no lasting progress for humanity could be gained except by actions voluntarily undertaken in conformity with democratic ideals and traditions."

The Survey article, written by veteran journalist John A. Fitch, who attended 8 AFL conventions at which Gompers presided, also stresses Gompers' motivating faith.

"He believed in America," Mr. Fitch writes, "he embraced its democratic principles, he gloried in being a part of it—a citizen. To him everything that contributed to human well-being was American, and whatever threatened the liberties of the people was a betrayal of America.

"So it was that he became the acknowledged leader of trade unionists in the United States, as he molded it in accord with his own philosophy and sense of direction, he thought of it as a fundamentally American growth," Mr. Fitch declared. "America and the labor movement were determined to go forward together, indomitable, indestructible and, in basic essentials, unchangeable.

Forbes, recalling conditions at the time of Gompers' entry into the labor movement, said:

"Interested in his own class, the young cigarmaker saw around him a million direly needing organization. New York (where Gompers lived) was hopelessly in the plundering grip of Boss Tweed. Capitalism was in the jungle phase, and the 'free labor market' was a wasteland of lost causes."

It credits Gompers with having led labor out of the jungle.

"Gompers delighted in' activity,, in the rousing fight for progress," it says. "He was no cold philosopher in the style of Marx or Bakunine. Yet he sensed the threat implicit in their dogmas. Decisive Woll in that 'Gompers was never attracted by the idea of labor rule. Domination of society by any of the elements within it was repugnant to him."

### GOMPERS' LAND

Washington.—Miss R. Lee Guard, secretary to Samuel Gompers, said in her published tribute to the founder and first president of the AFL that he loved America "with a flaming, consuming passion." She wrote:

"Born under a foreign flag, as a child brought across the waters to the land of his parents' adoption, in boyhood, and young manhood, in maturity and in age, he loved his country with a flaming, consuming passion. 'My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,' were to him no idle words. To him they literally meant 'land of liberty,' and with all the ardor of his intense nature he unremittingly announced that which savored of unfreedom, of restriction of liberty.

"He believed in his country, in the matchless greatness of its institutions, in the fundamental principles upon which its government is founded. To quote his words: 'America is not merely a name. It is not merely a land. It is not merely a country, nor is it merely a government. America is a symbol; it is an ideal. The hope of all the world has be expressed in the ideal—America.'"

### CHEST FORUM

Seattle, Wash.—The AFL National Newsletter of the Community Chest and Council of America reports that Seattle set a "first" for the Pacific Coast with an all-labor financial welfare forum. The forum was sponsored by the AFL Central Labor Union, CIO and independent unions, and the Community Chest and Council of Seattle and King County.

Dave Beck, executive vice president Teamsters Union, told the luncheon meeting that "labor's recognition of its right and duty to, and the necessity for sponsoring this forum is a priceless heritage guaranteed us by our founding fathers when they wrote our Federal Constitution."

### DELEGATES NAMED

Chicago.—The executive council of the AFL American Federation of Teachers has elected Hilma Belma Borchardt, Washington representative, Howard Kenn, president California State Federation of Teachers, and Irvin R. Kuenzli, national secretary-treasurer, to represent the organization at a session meeting of 3 important international teachers' organizations at Amsterdam, Holland, July 31-Aug. 4.

The 3 organizations, which existed before World War II and which were reestablished after the war, are the International Federation of Teachers' Associations (IFTA) and the International Federation of Secondary Teachers' Associations (FIPESO).

Secretary-Treasurer Kuenzli, who attended the joint convention of the 3 organizations in Stockholm, Sweden, last year while spending his vacation in Europe as a consultant for the U. S. Army, is a member of the executive board of the IFTA.

### THANKS EDITORS

New York.— AFL Vice President Matthew Woll, director of the AFL Union Industries Show and president International Labor Press of America, thanked editors of the labor press for stories and picture coverage of the show held in Philadelphia last May.

### President Gompers

Washington.—Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the American Federation of Labor, posed for this photograph while at the zenith of his career as the champion of the American labor leader. The AFL is celebrating this year the centenary of his birth on Jan. 27, 1850, in London, England.

## AMA Plays With Life And Your Liberties

Washington.—The American Medical Association is playing fast and loose with the lives and individual liberties of millions of Americans.

Its 1950 annual convention detailed plans for spending $3,000,000—to be raised by compulsory $25 assessments on its members—to defeat President Truman's Health Insurance Plan by electing to Congress men opposed to this plan and to housing, social security, education and all progressive social measures.

The committee for the Nation's Health commented on the AMA action:

"It is sad to report that such negative and reactionary policies are put forward officially as the position of a great profession dedicated to human service and including thousands of physicians whose personal lives are lives of service."

The commission said further:

"The same policies are reflected in the recent efforts of the AMA's Washington, D. C., office to block federal aid to medical education, school health services and other measures, and the support by the AMA Committee on Education of a positive stand in behalf of any national health insurance, even such a bill as Sen. Taft has proposed.

"It is a fact that there is no responsible group or other organization for launching disability insurance, passed just year by the House of Representatives, out of the Senate bill. The AMA has aligned itself with insurance companies which are against disability insurance because of direct self-interest. The AMA wants the help of these insurance companies in fighting national health insurance, and took the front of opposition for them against disability insurance.

"The only pending health bill which the AMA officially supports is one providing federal aid to states to extend local public health departments.

"But in practice the AMA has put up no bill to get this bill through the House. It passed the Senate last year unanimously.

"The AMA has given no support to the bills which would increase federal aid for medical research.

"The AMA has done its utmost to defeat the bill to increase federal education passed by the Senate last year. This year it has been held up in the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce while laying tactics instigated by the AMA.

"The AMA has not dared to take a public stand against the bill, possibly because it would thus risk an open break with prominent physicians and deans of medical schools who favor the bill and believe that the betterment of the nation's health is affected by its provisions.

"It is sad to report that such negative and reactionary policies are put forward officially as the position of a great profession dedicated to human service and including thousands of physicians whose personal lives are lives of service.

"It is impossible to believe that the majority of American physicians would accept such a political alignment if they understood what is happening.

"Unfortunately, it is equally certain that the official representatives of the organized medical profession in many of our state-to take this position and that their public relations agencies will use the machinery and money at their disposal to fight the whole Fair Deal and to oppose every progressive candidate in his own state or district."

### APPEAL FOR AID

Columbia, S. C.—Phil Hannah, secretary Ohio State Federation of Labor, is asking CIO, AFL and Railroad Unions aid their disaster-stricken brothers at Crooksville, Ohio, as the result of the devastation caused by the June 16 flash flood.

Send contributions to Bernice McPeak, 315 Whitehouse St., secretary of the relief organization in Crooksville.

### BUY INSURANCE

Columbus, O.—The AFL Ohio Federation of Teachers has reached a tentative agreement with the Union Labor Life Insurance Co. on a plan to provide a comprehensive line of group insurance for their members.

## It's Your 2 Bucks Vs. AMA 3 Million

Washington.—Maybe you'll want to give that $2 immediately or make another contribution to Labor's League for Political Education after you read this.

The American Medical Association (AMA) is going all out in the middle of every political campaign throughout the nation this year.

Its $3 million propaganda campaign against national health insurance will reach a climax shortly before the November elections.

More than a third of the AMA's campaign funds will be spent in October for newspapers, magazine and radio ads. The AMA starts October 26 at its annual convention in San Francisco.

A total of $560,000 will be spent for 6-column ads to be published in 11,000 daily and weekly newspapers the week of Oct. 8.

Full-page ads costing $250,000 will be run in 20 of the largest national magazines at about the same time.

Three hundred radio stations will use hundreds of minute and half-minute AMA announcements in October. They will cost $300,000.

The rest of the $3 million—about $1.9 million—will be spent on such things as pamphlets, luncheon club speakers and organization of AMA-run health league plans.

The AMA gets its money by collecting $50 from each of its 120,000 members. Almost all doctors belong to the AMA.

The campaign against health insurance has been the biggest drain on part of the country just as the 1950 congressional campaign is at its peak.

Already this year the AMA has been active in primary campaigns. It claims to have been a big part of the factor in the defeat of Democratic Sen. Claude Pepper in Florida.

In 1949 the AMA spent $1.5 million to fight national health insurance, bringing its outlay for propaganda funds within a 2-year period to $4.5 million.

## Work Injuries Rise During 1st Quarter

Washington.—Work-injury rates in manufacturing increased slightly during the first 3 months of 1950, but continued well below the rates for the corresponding period of 1949, the U. S. Labor Department reported.

The average injury-frequency rate for all establishments reporting in the first quarter of 1950 was about 3 percent higher than for the fourth quarter of 1949. The first quarter 1950 rates were about 11 percent under those for the corresponding period of 1949, indicating a continuing favorable trend in safety work.

An estimated 80,000 workers in manufacturing industries were killed or disabled for 1 or more days because of work injuries sustained during the first quarter of 1950. This is an increase of 4,000 over the estimate for the fourth quarter of 1949, but a decrease of 12,000 for the first quarter of that year.

Fatalities numbered about 300 and permanent impairments 4,300 in the first quarter of 1950, compared with 400 and 4,700, respectively, in the fourth quarter of 1949.

Working time lost during the quarter—the first quarter of 1950—was estimated as about 1,600,000 man-days. On an annual basis, this represents an estimated value of more than $10,000,000.

### PRICES UP AGAIN

Washington.—Retail prices of goods and services rose 0.3 percent in 56 income families in large cities increased during the month to a new high, the BLS 15, 1950, according to the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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The Consumers' Price Index for May 15 was 168.6 (1935-39 = 100.0), a rise of 0.5 percent over the April figure, but 56.5 percent higher than in June 1946, just before the start of the level of August 1939.

Food prices rose for the increase during the month was a rise in prices of eggs (up 7 percent), and cereals and bakery products (almost 2 percent). Fractional increases were recorded in fuel, electricity and refrigeration; clothing and footwear; and housefurnishings including household goods and services.

On the other hand, fuel, electricity and refrigeration prices declined 1.8 percent. Prices of purchased physicians' services dropped 0.1 percent, and declined slightly and apparel prices were unchanged on the average during the month.

### FACE BIG JOB

New York.—The big job of labor representatives on the UN Economic Commissions will be discussed at the 30th annual membership meeting of International Labor Press of America Sept. 16 and 17 in Houston.

In calling the editors meeting on the 2 days preceding the AFL convention, the officers said:

"The UN Commissions, at Washington, as exemplified by the unholy alliance of Soviet Russia and Latin-American Republics, makes our role as labor editors a difficult one—more exacting than ever. The current skirmish for 1950 congressional elections is but a preliminary to the major battle against the workers' enemies in 1952. The labor press must play a militant part in that struggle."

### RECEIVES AWARD

Tamiment, Pa.—The Tamiment Social and Economic Institute 1950 Book Award was presented to Rupert Hughes, for his novel, "The Giant Walker," which is based on the life of Gompers.

## Green Says We Must Win Korea To Maintain Freedom In World

### U. S. Spokesmen at Geneva

Geneva, Switzerland.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin (left) chats with President William E. Maloney of the AFL Operating Engineers and President Louis P. Hollander of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor during a break in deliberations of the International Labor Organization Secretary-Treasurer Albert Fitzgerald of the CIO Textile Workers served as advisors to AFL International Representative George P. Delaney, U. S. workers' delegate.

## Russia Started War To Enslave Asia

Bombay, India.—Richard Deverall, AFL representative in Asia, said that Russia started war on the Republic of Korea "to initiate a military campaign which will destroy democracy and enslave all the Asian nations."

In an article prepared for the August issue of The American Federationist, official AFL monthly publication, Mr. Deverall said:

"The North Korean communist regime must be brought before the bar of international justice for the actions of its servants and rulers.

"Speedy conclusion of the communist war against the United Nations forces will be a mighty contribution toward preventing possible third World War in the future."

The AFL representative in Asia assailed the hypocrisy of the communists in pretending that they are for "peace." He said that while the Kremlin and its satellites were preaching peace prior to the invasion of the Republic of Korea, "the world communist forces behind the Iron Curtain were secretly and brutally preparing for aggressive war in Asia."

Mr. Deverall said that long before the actual invasion of South Korea began, the communists were using guerrillas in South Korea and hoarding of their supplies and ammunition in preparation for the invasion, he said, the communists used "every possible means short of war to communize the South Koreans," but they were unsuccessful.

## Minton Re-Elected By Bottle Blowers

Columbus, O.—Leo W. Minton was reelected president of the AFL Glass Bottle Blowers Assn. for a 2-year term by unanimous vote of the union's convention.

All the officers and executive board of the 38,000 member union also were reelected. Mr. Minton has been president since 1946. At 58 he is the youngest president of any international union in the AFL.

Other officers re-elected who were reelected include Vice President Raymond H. Dalton, Muncie, Ind.; Secretary Treasurer Ellis Tibbles.

Mr. Minton's report to the convention contained an innovation which was designed to get more union members to register and vote. He proposed that all new members who wish to join the union be required to present evidence that they were registered to vote provided that they met other eligibility requirements for voting. The proposal was approved by the convention.

Other speakers at the convention included Joseph Keenan, director of Labor's League for Political Education; Ralph Wright, Assistant Secretary of Labor; Boris Shishkin, AFL director of Social Insurance; Lew Johnson, Labor-American Council on Productivity, AFL; Philip Hannah, secretary-treasurer Ohio Federation of Labor, and Bert Jewell, Democratic Cooperative Administration.

### APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Indianapolis.—Ralph Helstein, International Typographical Union has referred to its locals for voluntary donations an appeal from Victor B. Anderson, president, Winnipeg, Canada, Typographical Union 191, for funds to help rehabilitate AFL union families caught in the recent flood in that city.

### HANDICAPPED MEETING

Washington.—President Truman is scheduled to open the annual meeting of his Committee on National Employ the Handicapped Week Aug. 9. NEPH Week this year will be observed Oct. 1 through 7.

## Texas Federation Elects W. J. Harris

Austin, Tex.—The Golden Jubilee Convention of the Texas State Federation of Labor was held in San Antonio with 1,000 delegates and visitors in attendance, and enthusiasm ran high. Proof of the renewed interest in trade union affairs was found in local unions. There were many changes in the union officials when the time came for maintaining harmonious relations with employers in the state. There has not been a general strike declared in Texas since about 1888 when collective bargaining was instituted by the railroads.

Officials elected were for the coming year:

William J. Harris, Dallas, president; Fred J. Hoerster, Austin, executive secretary.

Vice presidents, Dr. Saenders Tamplin; H. E. Brown, San Antonio; W. T. Wilson, Houston; Jesse Webber, El Paso; Bill Sams, Lubbock; Ed Bell, Fort Worth; Fred A. Johnson, Longview; E. R. Gross, Texarkana; Mrs. McSherry, Austin; L. A. Townsend, Galveston; Mrs. Ethel Bell, Fort Worth; Fred Everett, Houston.

Fred Jones, Houston, reading clerk, and Frank D. Booth, El Paso, sergeant-at-arms.

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### WIN STUDY TRIPS

Bronxville, N. Y. — Three union members have earned Trade Union Study Scholarships for a year's study leaving next October at Ruskin College, Oxford, England.

Dr. Robert Dowling, AFL Labor Scholarships, announced the awards.

Carla Ruth Myerson, Washington, D. C., student, AFL American Federation of Teachers Local 189; Jamie Emmett Wolfe, Louisville, Ky., instructor Department of Research and Education, Kentucky Federation of Labor, Office Employes International Union 61 and National Federation of Post Office Clerks Local 4; John A. Cochrane, St. Paul, Minn., operating engineer, CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association Local 33 and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen Local 928.

## HOLD INSTITUTE

New Brunswick, N. J.—Forty officers of chemical unions east of the Mississippi attended the first eastern summer school of the AFL International Chemical Workers at Rutgers University.

Instructors and speakers included Norman Dorfman, of the Rutgers Institute of Management and Labor Relations; Dr. Otto Pragan, research director, International Chemical Workers Union; H. A. Bradley and W. E. Tomlinson, president and secretary-treasurer respectively of the ICWU; Harry Bates, and John von D. Connors, director AFL Workers Education Bureau.

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## Korean Says People Need Technical Aid

Washington.—Korean labor leaders need instruction and guidance to help them understand more fully the practice of democracy in their unions and working places, David Lee, former South Korean secretary of labor, said here.

Mr. Lee arrived in Washington to begin a study of trade unions and labor institutes in the United States under sponsorship of the U. S. State and Labor Departments. He strongly emphasized the need for labor institutes as a "technical assistance" in the field of Korean labor.

Unfortunately, Korean workers still live in the 19th century, Mr. Lee said. Development of industry there is greatly needed. He praised the work of the AFL in South Korea, adding: "Technical training under the leadership of the ECA now should be encouraged more and more so that Koreans will be well equipped to handle the highest grade of modern machinery."

There are about 7,000 factories in South Korea, employing approximately 265,000 workers, the Korean said. Most of these factories "have organized unions, with union membership totaling 150,000. Plus there are about 2 union members in the labor families of the union members.

Lee, who has a master of arts degree from Columbia University, manages factories owned by his wife's family in South Korea. He left his wife and 3 children in Korea.

## GO TO STUTTGART

Washington.—Eight U. S. labor leaders will attend the biennial Congress of the International Federation of Workers Education (ITF) in Stuttgart, Germany, July 17-22, it was announced by Albert J. Hayes, president of the trade secretariat for workers in the printing industry in the free world, with more than 85 million members.

U. S. delegates are A. J. Hayes, president; Joseph D. Keenan, secretary-treasurer, International Association of Machinists; Walter Reuther, vice president AFL Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; A. E. Lyon, executive secretary Railway Labor Executives Association; Joseph C. Hay, president AFL National Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots of America; David L. Behncke, president, Brotherhood of Railway Pilots Association; Irving Brown, European representative AFL; and John Hawk, secretary-treasurer AFL Hotel and Restaurant Union; and Patrick McHugh, secretary-treasurer International Union of Seamen of the SIU-AFL.

Two hundred delegates are expected to discuss working hours in rail and air transportation at the meeting of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

### OPPOSES RATE RISE

Washington.— A bout in secondclass mailing rates would deal a crippling blow to small publications and eventually lead to unemployment in the paper industry, it was predicted by John E. Jones, first vice president AFL International Brotherhood of Paper Makers.

Mr. Jones, voicing the union's opposition to the Senate bill to increase the second-class rates, testified before the Senate Post Office Committee.

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WILLIAM GREEN, *President* — WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1950 — GEORGE MEANY, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Samuel Gompers said:
Organization and affiliation with other organizations that can secure redress and grievances is the safety valve for any industrial or commercial undertaking.

## Green Alerts CLUs On Rent Controls

Washington.—AFL President William Green alerted all Central Labor Unions on the necessity of getting local government action to continue federal rent controls in their communities after Dec. 31, 1950.

Mr. Green warned that "a most serious situation will confront many members of AFL unions" if rent controls are allowed to expire. He sent the following letter to all CLUs:

"The rent control law has recently been extended by act of Congress. In all important respects, the law provides for exactly the same rent control program as has been in effect up to now.

"I am writing primarily to call your attention to one very important feature of the law.

"The new law provides for outright extension of federal rent controls where they now exist for only six months.

"Federal rent controls will die after Dec. 31, 1950, in any community which has not by affirmative action or by a resolution of its governing body or by a public referendum, requested that rent controls be continued for an additional six months after the end of 1950.

"I know that a most serious situation will confront many CLUs and AFL unions if rent controls are permitted to expire at the end of this year.

"If rent controls will be needed in your community after that time, I want to impress upon you the urgency of securing prompt action in your community to obtain either a resolution of your city council or a public referendum declaring that federal rent controls should be continued in that area for an additional 6 months beyond the end of 1950.

"In some communities legal technicalities will make it impossible to secure a referendum. In that case, the only alternative is to secure an affirmative declaration by the continued rent controls by the city council.

"For your information regarding this matter, I would suggest that you communicate with me or with Mr. Harry C. Bates, chairman, AFL housing committee."

## *West Meets East*

New Delhi, India—Gordon W. Chapman (left), secretary-treasurer AFL State, County and Municipal Workers, AFL member of the International Confederation of Free Trade Union mission to the Far East, meets (l. to r.) M. Dekuyer of the Belgian Transport Workers; Irving Brown of the International Trade Union Congress, and Richard Deverall, Far Eastern representative of Public Laws 172 and 733.

### VISIT FAR EAST

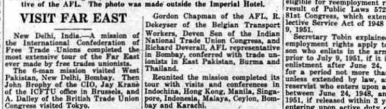
New Delhi, India.—A mission of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions completed the most extensive tour of the Far East ever made by free trade unionists.

The 6-man mission visited West Pakistan, New Delhi, Bombay. Then John Brophy of the CIO, Jay Krane of the ICFTU office in Brussels, and A. Dalley of the British Trade Union Congress visited Tokyo.

Gordon Chapman of the AFL, R. Dekeyser of the Belgian Transport Workers, Ahmed Sen of the Indian National Trade Union Congress, and Richard Deverall, AFL representative in Bombay, conferred with trade unionists in East Pakistan, Burma and Thailand.

Recalled the mission completed its tour with visits and conferences in Indochina, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaya, Ceylon, Bombay and Karachi.

## *Win $4,800 Scholarships*



New York.—David Sullivan, president Local 22-B of the AFL Building Service Employees, presents Hiram W. Harrison one of the $4,800 scholarships awarded by the union to Columbia University. Other winners, all children of members of the local, are, l. to r., Celia B. Atwell, John E. Newell and Donald M. Herzan, looking on is Dean Harry J. Carman of Columbia.

## *Unity Talks Set To Begin July 25*

Washington.—The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations set July 25 for the first meeting of their respective committees to discuss organic unity.

The meeting was called for the Hotel Statler here.

The AFL will be represented by President William Green, Vice Presidents Charles MacGowan, president Boilermaker Makers; Daniel J. Tobin, president Brotherhood of Teamsters, and Dan W. Tracy, president Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The CIO will be represented by President Philip Murray, Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey, Vice President Allan S. Haywood, and Emil L. S. Rieve, president of the United Rubber Workers. President Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union, Jacob Potofsky of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, President Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers, and Secretary-Treasurer Frank Rosenblum of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. The last 5 are CIO vice presidents.

## Taft-Hartley Labor Board Orders Vindictive Punishment For ITU-AFL

Washington.—The Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Board has instructed General Counsel Robert N. Denham to enforce orders against the AFL International Typographical Union.

In an action smacking of the vindictive and punitive, the board took the step on the basis of an "investigation" which never queried any of the union officials and after completely ignoring a good faith offer by the union to comply fully with the board's orders.

Gerhard Van Arkel and Henry Kaiser, ITU counsel, made every effort to comply with the board order as there is a letter to the same effect.

"On March 20, 1950, the NLRB denied our motion for reconsideration of its decisions in these cases. After consultation with our clients, we were authorized to attempt a settlement of all of these matters which would preclude the necessity for further litigation, thereby avoiding unnecessary expense both to the board and to the International Typographical Union.

"We entered into discussions with Mr. David Finding, an agent of the general counsel, and made the following proposal: That a stipulation of settlement be entered into by which the ITU would agree to comply with all of the board's orders, to post requisite notices and to inform its local unions that the ITU intended to comply fully with this order.

"Mr. Finding advised that an investigation would be necessary to determine whether or not local unions had, in effect, refused to obey the order of the board before a decision on this proposal could be made. He assured Mr. Finding that the ITU would fully cooperate in that investigation. We told him that the ITU was informed that all of the local affiliates were complying with the board's orders, but that should the investigation disclose any instance of noncompliance the ITU would, upon being so advised, immediately take corrective measures.

"Some weeks later we learned that an investigation was conducted and that a report thereof was submitted to General Counsel Denham. In the course of this purported investigation no information was sought from any other

[illegible] Union, or its attorneys, or so far as we can ascertain, any officer or member of any local union. On or about June 12, we were informed that on the basis of this ex parte investigation General Counsel Denham had recommended to the NLRB that the board seek enforcement of these orders.

"We have repeatedly made offers to comply fully with the board's orders and to dispose of these matters by a stipulation by which we would undertake the full affirmative action required by the board's orders, would agree to abide by the cease and desist provisions of those orders, in consideration of which the board would agree to withhold seeking an enforcement of those orders unless and until it was shown there was non-compliance with them. Such arrangements have, in the past, been approved by the board as a means of saving

"It will achieve for the board exactly everything which could be achieved by full enforcement of those orders at no expense to the government or to our clients.

"To date, however, both the general counsel and the board have studiously avoided even discussing those matters with us. It is unfortunate that in the annals of the board that it has come to the point where it is a matter of the question of compliance. Indeed, the board practice has been to initiate such discussions.

"Such a course does not comport with proper administration of the act, and would be a most ill-advised act based upon available evidence in one of the largest unions, and a most one-sided presentation of facts and considerations of these orders and that it direct its representatives to make recommendations for settlement with us concerning compliance. Not to do so would be arbitrary in the extreme, would apply to our clients a standard never before applied to any respondent involved in a board proceeding, and would be merely vindictive and punitive."

### UNDERWENT OPERATION

Washington.—Secretary Leo E. George of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks underwent an operation for appendicitis while attending the International Labor Organization in Geneva.

### THEY'LL KNOW PLAN

Washington.—American Jewries going to western Europe are receiving a passport-size blue booklet containing the Declaration of Human Rights, George Abrahams, prepared by the Economic Commission Administration.

## Excise Tax Cut and FEPC Killed By 'Do-Nothing' 81st Congress

Washington.—The fumbling, do-nothing 81st Congress has killed legislation to reduce excise taxes on many items of consumer goods and the Fair Employment Practices Commission.

Outbreak of war in Korea was the reason given by Senate Finance Committee urged by the American Federation of Labor. Supporters of both of this legislation also blocks higher taxes on profiteering corporations as well able to pay.

Alone the only thing workers can expect from this Congress is an expansion of the social security system. Both houses have passed measures, and the bills are now in conference.

The Senate has refused to go along with the House for a most-axe reduction of 10 per cent. The crippling of the Federal service increased by the House was protested by AFL President William Green during the "faint economy."

Congress plans to adjourn by Aug. 1 unless the Korean crisis forces a change.

AFL President William Green has blasted what he called the "do-nothing" session on the "sordid and disgraceful political alliance" of Taft-Republicans and Byrd Dixie-crats. The next Congress, he said, can be improved only by the defeat of House and Senate members of this alliance.

### DOHERTY RECOVERING

Washington.—AFL Vice President W. C. Doherty, president National Association of Letter Carriers, submitted to an operation for a variocele last week.

## Green, Meany, Harrison Named To Work on U.S. Defense Plans

## Job Rights Assured Those in Services

Washington.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin announced that inductees, enlistees and reservists who leave jobs in private industry or with the federal government to perform active service in the armed forces are eligible for reemployment rights as a result of Public Laws 172 and 733, 81st Congress, which extend the Selective Service Act of 1948 until July 9, 1951.

Secretary Tobin explained that reemployment rights apply to the person who enlists in the armed forces prior to July 9, 1951, if it is his first enlistment after June 24, 1948, and for a period not more than 3 years unless ordered by law, and to the reservist who enters upon active duty after June 24, 1948, and July 9, 1951, if released within 3 years after entering upon active duty or as soon after the expiration of such 3 years as he is able to obtain orders relieving him from active duty.

"Of special interest to reservists is the fact that the Selective Service Act of 1948, as amended, extends reemployment rights to persons who enter upon active duty in the armed forces in response to an order or call to active duty," Secretary said. "Whether with or without his consent, a member of the reserve who does so in response to a call to active duty. The statute draws no distinction between the reasons behind the call."

The Bureau of Veterans' Reemployment Rights in the Department of Labor has responsibility for handling reemployment rights under Section 9 of Veterans' Reemployment Rights Act. Persons seeking information about such rights may contact the nearest office of the Bureau.

### HIP FRACTURED

Washington.—President James G. Yaden of the AFL American Federation of Government Employees suffered a fractured hip in a fall.

## *Backs Korea*

Washington.—David Lee (left), former secretary of labor in the Republic of Korea, receives assurances from AFL President William Green that labor leaders will assist in its resistance to Soviet Russia's communistic aggression against Lee's country.

## U.S. Uses Injunction Against Switchmen

Washington.—Once again the United States government resorted to federal court injunction to break a strike of railroad employees.

About 1,500 striking AFL Switchmen's Union members went back to work on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad July 9 in obedience to the injunction.

Three days earlier the switchmen had ended their strike against 4 other western roads after President Truman implied he would act to end the walkout which, he said, was hampering vital army and cattle shipments.

On July 8, A. J. Glover, switchmen's president, refused to send the men back although the Army had taken over the road under Mr. Truman's orders. Glover said, seizure should affect profits as well as labor. However, the court injunction followed and he complied. Meanwhile, the Army was nominally running the Rock Island, but nothing was said about profits.

Washington.—Three top AFL officials will work with the National Security Resources Board "to enlist the full cooperation of America's workers in any future national emergency."

They are President William Green, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and Vice President George M. Harrison, president Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

The AFL representatives and those of other national labor organizations were chosen, after consultation with Chairman W. Stuart Symington of the Resources Board.

The meeting on July 11 was described as "an informal but detailed discussion of the many problems facing the country as created by or intensified by the Korean crisis."

Other labor representatives named to work with the resources board are: CIO Vice Presidents Walter Reuther, Emil Rieve and Jacob S. Potofsky; Operating Engineers President Hunter L. Lewis; Al J. Hayes, president International Association of Machinists, and George E. Leighty, president Railway Labor Executives Association.

Following the meeting with Mr. Symington and Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, Mr. Green issued the following statement for all the labor groups:

"As on previous occasions, we expressed complete support of the efforts of the United Nations and the United States government to bring to a quick and decisive settlement the vicious campaign of aggression unleashed by the communist government of North Korea.

"We pledged our wholehearted cooperation with the government in the prosecution of the world-wide opposition campaign in Korea, which we see as a means of helping safeguard the peace and peoples of the world.

"During the course of these discussions with the National Security Resources Board there was, of course, examination of the problems of mobilization of civilian and natural resources, with which the NSRB is properly concerned. These problems are of immediate importance in view of the international situation in the Far East.

"We reviewed a number of the successful steps taken during World War II for the mobilization of the nation's resources, and expressed satisfaction over the manner in which these voluntary measures were employed at that time.

"It was felt that the achievement of close cooperation among all major groups in the country's economy, which is now available for the prosecution of the campaign against aggression, is preferable to compulsory steps toward control of labor resources; and that significant value in terms of industrial stability, morale and working efficiency can be attained through voluntary collaboration.

"We pointed out to Mr. Symington that any plan for present or future mobilization of American resources must provide full and adequate representation for organized labor in the policy, planning and operational divisions of the governmental agencies involved. It was also pointed out that the experience of these advisory bodies in such agencies will not meet the nation's needs unless it is accompanied this type of advisory structure at the policy level.

"Full labor representation — in accordance with the role of labor in foreign relations and domestic affairs — must be given at all levels. It will ensure the maximum utilization of labor's resources, and guarantee full cooperation from the nation's workers will arrive at definite help to the government agencies themselves through the benefit of labor's experience, wisdom and patriotism of the workers. Such representation will still offer encouraging hope to our fellow members of the free world that American democracy is truly marshalling its forces and skills against the totalitarian aggressors."

## College Terms Set For 24 by 2 Unions

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
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New York.—Six young people are going to attend college free starting in September as a result of scholarships established for them by the American Federation of Labor trade unions to which their fathers belong.

In one week, Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Local 32-B, Building Service Employees International Union, supplied enough money to give a major educational opportunity to youngsters who otherwise might not have the chance.

The college the youngsters are going to attend will be Columbia University. Local 3, which established the only scholarship, will pay for a 5-year course leading to a degree in electrical engineering at the Columbia School of Engineering. Local 32-B pays for a 4-year course for 2 girls to attend Barnard College, and 2 boys to attend Columbia College.

By 1953, Local 3 will be supporting the college education of 6 young men, prospective electrical engineers all, and Local 32-B will be supporting by 1954 a total of 16 boys and girls at Columbia University, making a total of 24 children of AFL workers.

The scholarships were initiated by the unions and details worked out in cooperation with Harry J. Carman of Columbia College.

Local 3 already has 2 of its electricians' children at Columbia College and last week the college announced that the 2 young men had made unusually high scholastic grades in their freshman year. These scholarships are administered by the Joint Scholarship Board of the Electrical Industry.

Local 3 also is supporting 2 children of its members at Cornell University and the School of Industrial Relations. These 2 awards are made annually in memory of the Rev. Thomas J. Hegarty, O.M.I., former chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board.

## WIN VOTE

Little Rock, Ark.—The people of Arkansas will get a chance to vote in November on a constitutional amendment to repeal the state's "Freedom to Work" amendment, which outlaws even the union shop.

The necessary 19,821 signatures required, initiative petitions with 28,929 names have been filed with the secretary of state. The repeal move was launched by the Little Rock local of the AFL International Typographical Union.

## Milk Drivers Get Severance Pay Pact

By DAN SMYTH
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Chicago.—A new contract, combining an improved pension plan with a severance pay feature, has been negotiated between the Associated Milk Dealers, Inc., Chicago, and the AFL Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local 753 of the Teamster Union.

The union, representing 5,000 milk drivers, already had a severance provision which the dealers paid $1.50 per week per man, except for clerk drivers who delivered more than 12,000 quarts a week. For store drivers the severance payment was $3 per week.

Under the old plan, $60 a month benefit was paid to retired milk drivers with 25 years service who reached the age of 65 or were disabled.

Under the new plan, effective retroactive to May 1, an additional $2 per month per man will be paid into the fund by the dealers. With the extra $2 the fund will pay pensions of $60 for 67 months and $50 monthly for the rest of the driver's life.

The [illegible] Teamsters' secretary-treasurer of the local, pointed out that the dealers agreed to the pension protects the milk driver from losing his job if he should be too old or sick before he grows old or gets hurt.

Severance pay of $2400 will be given members after 19 years service, $600 after 15 years, $750 after 20 years and $1,200 after 25 years.

Of the 28 additional contribution just negotiated, 75 cents will be used to pay for a hospitalization insurance plan. Individual drivers have the right to enlarge their hospitalization coverage with supplementary contributions of their own.

## VISIT FRANCE

Paris, France.—Three American trade unionists arrived here July 8 for a 30 for a 6-week visit.

The team comprises J. William Belanger, president Massachusetts CIO Council; Harold Gibbons, secretary of Local 688, St. Louis, AFL Teamsters; Carmen Lapia, a regional vice president of the AFL United Hatters.

The team is the first of several which the Economic Cooperation Administration hopes to send to Europe to promote closer relationship between American and European trade unionists.

## *Belgians Greeted*

Washington.—Assistant Secretary of Labor Philip M. Kaiser (left) and Miss Ann William Green chat with Miss Sigrid Arne, director Social Science School for Workers, and Nathalie De Bock, national secretary General Federation of Labor of Belgium, two of eight Belgian trade unionists feted at a luncheon in AFL and CIO during the Belgians' European Conference Administration visit here.

## *U.S. Labels Russia Real War Criminal*

Washington.—AFL'ers are urged NOT to sign Russia's phony peace petition, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany urged.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson called the petition "a propaganda trick in the cold war phase offensive of the Soviet Union."

Lewis G. Hines, special AFL representative to the United Nations, labeled the peace petition exactly what it is: "a trick to camouflage the mounting Soviet Russia the war criminal responsible for the bloody aggression in Korea, more than half the population of which Soviet Russia helped to have signed the petition. This illustrates the tragic irony in the spurious 'peace offensive' of the Soviet Union."

The resolution was adopted last March at the Soviet-dominated so-called "Partisans of Peace," an international organization established by the communists, and the campaign for signatures in the United States is being actively promoted by the Communist Party.

An analysis of the petition shows that it tries to do two things: (1) promote the unenforceable Soviet proposals concerning atomic energy, ignoring the fact that they have been approved by the overwhelming majority of the United Nations and opposed only by the Soviet Union and four of its satellites; and (2) divert attention on the use of atomic weapons by branding as a war criminal the first nation to use atomic weapons, ignoring the aggression in other forms presently being practiced by the communists.

As for the second point, namely, that the first nation to use atomic weapons will have committed a crime against humanity and should be branded as a war criminal, it is obvious that this is an utterly cynical

begging of the question. The real crime against humanity is aggression. The United Nations Resolution condemned to armed aggression in defiance of the United Nations Charter and calls on the people who sanction such acts to bring pressure to bear to stop incidental to the crime. Thus the communists throughout the world have given the lie to the Stockholm Peace Appeal in support of the Korean aggression.

Just before the North Korean armed forces launched their unprovoked attack against the Republic of Korea, more than half the population of South Korea petitioned and have signed the petition. This illustrates the tragic irony in the spurious "peace offensive" of the Soviet Union.

## Labor Press Calls For Prize Entries

Newark, N. J.—The International Labor Press of America has called on member editors to submit entries of their newspapers by Aug. 15 for the annual journalistic award contest.

Entries have been divided into four classes: International union publications, central labor bodies, state labor papers, and weekly labor papers. They will be judged for editorial excellence and excellence in typography and presswork.

Open to all publications are awards for: best single editorial, best original cartoon, best pictorial display, best front page, best feature article, best special column, best community project.

Chairman of this year's award committee is Dr. Frederic E. Merwin, school of journalism, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. Any five issues between Sept. 1, 1949, and Aug. 1, 1950, but no special editions, may be submitted. Entries should be sent to Dr. Merwin by Aug. 15.

## AMA's Slush Fund Kills Health Post

Washington.—The American Medical Association got another dividend from its $25 million-a-year investment on the nation's ailments.

Truman's appointment of Paul Hoffman to be president of the Ford Foundation, which has been financing the AMA's campaign against compulsory health insurance, killed Hoffman's nomination as chairman of the Economic Cooperation Administration.

Hoffman, speaking with the biggest slush fund in Washington, [illegible] Reorganization Plan 57 which had been approved by the Senate Committee on Labor and other liberal groups.

Hoffman's nomination, after the Senate Committee on Executive Expenditures rejected the plan, 9 to 2. Had it come up in the Senate at all, Hoffman would have been sure to fight after FEPC, when Dixiecrats would have been in the strongest position for voting. "Hell, man," the lobbyist said, "we'd have been happy with 218 or 219. We never expected anything like 249."

Reorganization Plan No. 57 would have created a Department of Health, Education and Security headed by a secretary of cabinet rank, as has been repeatedly recommended by both major parties for nearly 20 years. In effect, it would have raised the present Federal Security Administrator to the rank of full executive department.